

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1916 – HB 1420

April 16, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (005434, 006544): Amendment 005434 includes licensed professional engineers, their employees and subcontractors and registered architects in the regulatory provisions of the bill. Amendment 006544 establishes a termination date of June 30, 2011, for the Soil Scientist Advisory Committee (SSAC).

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Revenue - \$81,800/One-Time/Board of Examiners of
Land Surveyors
\$144,000/Biennially/Beginning FY11-12/
Board of Examiners of Land Surveyors
Increase State Expenditures - \$9,800/One-Time/Board of Examiners of
Land Surveyors
\$72,000/Recurring/Board of Examiners
of Land Surveyors

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendments:

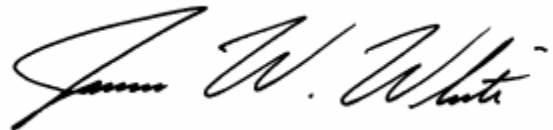
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a positive balance of \$116,450.68.
- The SSAC will meet quarterly. Recurring travel costs for the five members of the SSAC are estimated to be \$3,088.80 (\$772.20 per one-day meeting x 4 meetings). No SSAC member will require overnight stay.

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- One-time increase in Board expenditures is estimated to be \$9,772.20 (\$1,000 computer costs + \$2,000 office landscaping + \$5,000 computer programming modifications + \$1,000 form modifications + \$772.20 for rule-making meeting of SSAC).
- The Board of Examiners of Land Surveyors will require one position for the processing of applications, issuance of licenses, confirmation of initial and continuing education requirements, and compliance inspections. The recurring increase to Board expenditures is estimated to be \$68,882 (\$37,300 salary + \$12,682 benefits + \$14,200 administration + \$1,700 office lease + \$1,000 communication and supplies + \$2,000 network and computer replacement fees).
- Total recurring increase to state expenditures is estimated to equal \$71,970.80 (\$68,882 personnel costs + \$3,088.80 quarterly meetings). Fees will be established by the Board of Examiners of Land Surveyors and the SSAC members to cover expenditures.
- Engineers and Architects are currently licensed and regulated by the state and will not be required to obtain an additional license. There will be no increase in revenue or expenditures for the inclusion of engineers and architects in the regulatory provisions of this bill.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

James W. White, Executive Director

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